

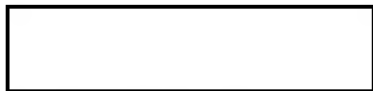
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2249)

DATE: October 6, 1969

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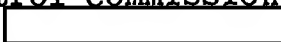

CYPRESS LOUNGE

2015 South Cicero Avenue
Cicero, Illinois
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This memo contains identical criminal references.

I. INFORMATION CONCERNING


162-14-147 Sub B

"State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission Order" in the matter of the Citation of 
 JAMES G. LAMBESIS, d/b/a Cypress reflects the following.

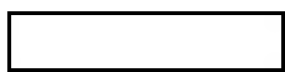
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The Commission having carefully considered the matters set forth in the Citation and having re-considered the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing held at Chicago, Illinois, on 3-5-62, and having carefully considered said Application for Rehearing and the allegations therein contained, and being fully advised in the premises, finds:

That the order of this Commission entered on the 14th day of March, A.D., 1962, suspending the State Retail Liquor License, Number R-22103, for a period of five days, commencing at midnight on the 22nd day of April, 1962 and terminating at midnight on the 27th day of April, 1962, was properly entered and the same is hereby sustained.

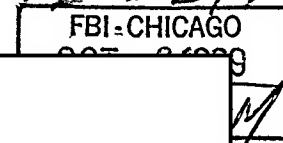
It is therefore ordered that the application for rehearing filed by  JAMES G. LAMBESIS, d/b/a Cypress, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois,

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CG 92-2249

License Number R-22103, be and the same is hereby denied.

Entered by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission at Chicago, Illinois, the 11th day of April, 1962.

92-345-707 p.14

Chicago report dated 2-8-63 by SA [redacted] [redacted] entitled [redacted] Aka." sets forth the following information.

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On 2-4-63 CG T-5 (Information received from the [redacted] by Investigative Clerk

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On 12-20-62 the "Chicago Sun Times" reported that Internal Revenue Service Agents seized scores of coin operated pinball machines in the Chicago area and across the nation because their operators lacked \$250.00 Federal Gaming Stamps,

On 1-29-63 CG T-1 [redacted] advised that no arrests were anticipated in the confiscation of the pinball machines in the Chicago area which took place on 12-19-62. He advised that of the machines confiscated in Cicero, Illinois, none of the owners of the locations were able to identify the owner of the person who placed the machine in their respective tavern or restaurant. He advised some of the people in Cicero related that the machine was placed in the location by an individual named FRANK, who left a telephone number to be reached at as TO 3-3177.

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162-14-119 p.1 Sub A

The "Chicago Daily News", Red Dart Edition,

dated 5-28-63, page 23, column 3, contained an article entitled "State Lifts Permits of 19 Taverns."

The article stated that the Illinois Liquor Control Commission announced suspensions of state retail liquor licenses of 19 taverns, three for 30 days each, for purchase of Federal gambling or gaming device stamps.

Under the orders all must shut down for the suspension periods at midnight, July 7.

Among those receiving 10-day suspensions were ROBERT PRUITT and JAMES G. LAMBESIS doing business as Cypress Lounge, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois.

143-547-8

SA [redacted] memo dated 2-18-66 entitled "TOMCO PRODUCTS, 2007 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois" sets forth the following information.

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Information was received from a confidential source that [redacted]

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On 2-2-66 SAs [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had been engaged in the business of [redacted] for many years, and for the past three years have been located at [redacted]

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On moving to this address, he subsequently learned that the [redacted] located behind [redacted] On further investigation he discussed this matter with a [redacted] and was told that he would be [redacted]

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On one occasion, he went into [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] He stated that he subsequently became acquainted with [redacted] (LNU) and learned that these individuals [redacted] machines which are located out in the county and in other suburban areas. He also learned that [redacted] pinball and bowling machines in [redacted] and receive calls [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that they are usually there from about 11 a.m. until 12 or 1 a.m. every day; however, in recent weeks, he has not observed these individuals at the aforementioned [redacted] He stated that at no time has he noticed any slot machines in [redacted] at [redacted] and has no knowledge as to any location where slot machines may be stored.

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It was his opinion that these pinball and bowling ball machines are the property of SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA, however, he had no positive information that this was true.

[redacted] advised that ANTHONY "SONNY" BATTAGLIA is residing [redacted] in a third floor rear apartment of the Cypress Lounge, which is located at 2015 South Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.

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[redacted] at the time of his interview, personally conducted the agents through his building to ascertain that there were not slot machines or pinball machines being stored in his place of business.

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There is no indication that [redacted] is involved in this operation and pertinent information furnished by him will be furnished orally to interested County and State Law Enforcement Agencies.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 10-19-66 that the Cypress Lounge, 2015 S. Cicero still continues to be a hangout for [redacted] about six weeks ago
[redacted]

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92-1009-202A p.3

On 12-14-66 [redacted] Special Agent, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division (ATTD), [redacted] advised he is conducting a survey for their organized Crime Division of ATTD specifically dealing with businesses that are actually hoodlum owned or reportedly hoodlum owned. He is preparing a list of these establishments and requested assistance in preparing such a list.

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On 12-23-66 Agent [redacted] came to the Chicago Office at which time he furnished a list to SA MICHAEL G. SIMON.

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He stated that the Organized Crime Division of his department is conducting a survey regarding wholesale, retail package or retail by drink establishments which are known to be hoodlum owned or allegedly or reportedly hoodlum owned.

The list included the following:

Cypress Lounge
1900 South Cicero
Cicero, Illinois

92-2249-44 p.3

On 12-5-68 [redacted] Illinois Liquor Control Commission, furnished SA [redacted] copies of 1968 State Liquor License applications for the Silver Spur Lounge and Cypress Lounge, both reportedly owned by TONY BATTAGLIA and operated by front men.

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The application for the Cypress Lounge, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois, listed JAMES G. LAMBESIS as the applicant. It gives his residence as 4830 West Cermak, Cicero, and his place of birth as Greece. He was 52 years of age at time of the application and a naturalized citizen.

The application listed [redacted]
[redacted]

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On 6-27-68 [redacted] Frank and Patti's Club, 2332 South Laramie, Cicero, advised, when questioned by SA [redacted] that he did not know who owned the shuffleboard machine in the tavern but that the [redacted] (last name unknown) regularly [redacted]

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[redacted] reluctantly advised that if there is anything wrong with the machine [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

On 6-28-68, the [redacted]
[redacted]

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PCI [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] on 7-5-68 and 7-11-68.

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Source advised that TONY BATTAGLIA has all the pinball and shuffleboard games in Cicero. The headquarters for this operation is the Cypress Lounge operated by JAMES LAMBESIS who is merely a front man for BATTAGLIA. Source was of the opinion BATTAGLIA also owned the Silver Spur and Pizzaonli in Cicero.

Source met with BATTAGLIA [redacted] at the Cypress Lounge [redacted] and from the conversation they talked like he owned the place.

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92-2249-38 p.2

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 8-20-68 that TONY BATTAGLIA controls all the Cicero pinball and bowling machines and also operates the Cypress Lounge, Cicero, Illinois and the Silver Spur Lounge, Cicero, Illinois.

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On 8-28-68, [] advised SA []
[] that he had talked with a [] named
[] (LNU) over the weekend and she told him TONY
BATTAGLIA owns both the Silver Spur and Cypress Lounge
in Cicero. [] the Silver Spur.

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On 9-10-68 PCI [] advised SA []
[] that TONY BATTAGLIA owns the Cypress Lounge and
the Silver Spur on Cicero Avenue, Cicero, and the police
allow the taverns to remain open all night long. They
are both frequented by "hillbillies" and the streets are
often the scenes of violent fights, beatings, and shouted
obscenities when the joints are "aired out" at about
5:30 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.

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[] the Silver
Spur, []
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162-701-201 p.4

SA [] memo dated 3-12-69
entitled "Crime Conditions -- Cicero, Illinois" sets
forth a current list of Cicero, Illinois taverns and
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Listed was:

Name of Licensee:	JAMES G. LAMBESIS
Trade name:	Cypress Lounge
Address:	2015 South Cicero Avenue
Issued:	7-1-68
Date Expired:	12-31-68